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SUBJECT: SALE OF BASRA CONSULATE PROPERTY

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE USINT REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO SELL BASRA CONSULATE PROPERTY AND PERMISSION TO TRANSFER PROCEEDS OF SALE IN DOLLARS IN NOTE OF JUNE 27, 1973. NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED. HOWEVER, ON AUGUST 26 MFA OFFICIAL INFORMED ME THAT QUOTE IF WE INSISTED ON SELLING THIS PROPERTY GOI MAY WISH TO BUY IT UNQUOTE.

2. MFA OFFICIAL'S REMARK COULD BE INTERPRETED AS HINT THAT GOI WOULD LIKE US TO MAINTAIN CONSULATE IN BASRA FOR REOPENING AT SOME FUTURE DATE OR IT COULD BE OPENING GAMBIT IN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THIS PROPERTY FOR ROCK BOTTOM PRICE. WE THINK LATTER IS MORE LIKELY. IN ANY CASE, IN VIEW OF DRAMATICALLY CHANGED SITUATION IN GULF DURING PAST YEAR AND RESURGENCE OF AMERICAN PRIVATE BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN BASRA AREA, DEPARTMENT MAY NOW WISH TO REVIEW DECISION TO SELL BASRA CONSULATE PROPERTY.

3. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW SALE SHOULD BE HANDLED IF AND WHEN MINISTRY NOTIFIES USINT THAT SALE AUTHORIZED OR GOI WISHES TO PURCHASE. LOWRIE

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